

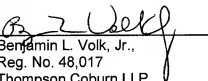
**Remarks:**

The pending claims at the time of the outstanding Restriction Requirement were claims 26-135. In the Restriction Requirement dated April 16, 2009, the Office has characterized the claims into two groups and has requested election of either of these two groups, namely (1) Group 1 encompassing claims 26-61, 79-112 and 128-135 and (2) Group 2 encompassing claims 62-78 and 113-127.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 2 without traversal. In making this election, Applicant does not acquiesce to any characterizations of the claims made in the Restriction Requirement. Applicant hereby cancels claims 26-61, 79-112 and 128-135 without prejudice. Furthermore, Applicant submits new dependent claims 136-139. No new matter is present. The pending claims are now claims 62-78, 113-127 and 136-139.

Favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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